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MEETING Friday January 9th. 1981.

DIRECTORS MEETING 7:00 PM. Sharp.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Reports of the retiring officers. There will be two Movies shown, which were obtained from the Bell Library. These films will be on technical communications subjects.

PROGRAM REVIEW

On December 12th, the club held its annual Xmas Party. A sizeable group of members and XYL's showed up to enjoy singing of Carols and the small gift exchange Art Schultz, W9BR gave a brief history of the better known Carols and the connection with some of the Xmas customs. The new officers were introduced. If you have'nt kept up to date, here is a summary of the incoming board.

President. Ron Williams, W9JVF, Ron is an old time life member and trustee of the club call W9JP. Ron is a little younger than most of the old timers. He is in business for himself under the name AVATAR Enterprizes and formerly worked for Thomas-Skinner. He has worked the low bands with lots of DX and in the last 2 years has been on 2 Mtrs Ron was responsible for the installation of the 2 meter rig at the Sheriff's Dept. Ron has had several articles in the National Ham Magazines.

Vice President Dave Timmerman, WB9CER, Here is a ham who has been active in almost every amateur endeavor in Indianapolis since he came here from Bloomington some years ago. He was an active ham there also. Dave is a life member of the Club and is very active in the ATV club. Dave's big interest is Computers.

SECRETARY Wade Kingery, W9JGZ, works for the State Highway Dept. and is another old timer with the club. He was one of the first to become a life member. Wade has held various offices including one term as president and has a fine record as a Secretary.

CHIEF OPERATOR Ken Alexander, WB9VGS, Ken joined the club when he came here from Detroit and has been active in all the ham projects. He works for the telephone Co. and is also active in that club. This is the second time around on his job so we know he makes good coffee and does lots of other things whenever necessary.

DIRECTOR Wes Murphy, N9AJM, is a teacher at Tech High School and has a long list of varied activities and hobbies. He is a stamp collector and loves to travel visiting places around the world. He is the present Emergency Coordinator for Marion County.

The other two officers, Bill Lueth, W9AI and Gene VanSickle, W9KJF, treasurer and other director have been covered in this letter and need no further introduction. This is a list of good men who have worked for the club's best interest in the past and have great hopes for the future of the Indianapolis Radio Club, But remember they Can't do much without the support of the members. So if they need help, pitch in and give them a hand when they call.

We will take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the outgoing officers who have served us so well the past year.

SILENT KEY We extend belated sympathies to the family of Bill Harris, W9FOV, Bill was a semi-invalid the last few years. He was often heard on 2 meters when he had to make frequent trips to Indpls to use the dialysis equipment at Methodist Hosp. He had a - beautiful sounding station and a great backlog of knowledge and experience in ham radio

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He made many friends on the air working all bands. He will be missed.
ANTENNA

As many club members know, your editor has lived in an apartment ever since he became a ham in 1969. In the December QST, there is a fine article on hamming from an apartment written by Peter O'Dell, AE8Q. Many of the things pointed out have been the experience by yours truly. Although many of the calculations for antenna are very good where there is plenty room and great grounding, they often don't hold up for antennas that have to be hidden or used sparingly at the opportune moments. So as is pointed out if your conditions don't quite fit the conventional standards, try it anyway it might work. The opportunity for working out of an apartment becomes as varied as there are apartment houses. Each location is different. Don't give up too easily, sometimes only a very small change will make a big difference. If the worst comes to pass, experiment with mobile installations or temporary portable sites. I highly recommend that you read Peter's article.

ANNOUNCEMENT The next ARV meeting will be held Saturday, January 10th, at the Salem Lutheran Church in New Augusta. The main subject will be home equipment for using ATV repeaters.

TERRIBLE SITUATION Rail derailments cause fear and evacuations with hams on the Alert Right? Wrong-- at least not in Louisville recently. When an L&N tank car was found to be leaking, rail officials couldn't keep the crowds away. The liquid escaping was good old scotch whiskey. Some 200 gallons got away before order could be restored. (from- the Railway Clerk, Nov. 1980)

DUES It's dues paying time again. As you may know the dues for 1981 have been raised \$1.00 per year from \$7.00 to \$8.00 to cover increased costs for supplies, eats, and a possible postage rate increase. Dues can be paid at club meetings or mailed to the treasurer, William F. Lueth, W9AI at 6031 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy. 46219. The deadline for paying dues will be February 1st, after which your name will be dropped from the mailing list. NON-Resident members dues will be \$3.00 So let's get with it and pay up as soon as possible.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 23rd. 1981.

Win Clark, W9JIY, will give a program on UHF and ATV antennas. This program will be timely, Win is an experienced Technician with lots of practical information both in operation and construction. Win will tell all about practical antennas for use with the soon to be in operation, ATV repeater. Also what it takes to have a (look in) on the repeaters operations. DON'T MISS THIS PROGRAM.

ALL THE 1981 OFFICERS Are anxious to serve the members to their upmost, contact us with your suggestions on Club operations, Club activities, and program suggestions.

Dave Timmerman is our Program Chairman and will be very pleased to hear from you regarding programs you would like to have presented, or perhaps you would be willing to give a program yourself. Contact Dave at 897-2052.

WE EDITOR

Charlie Preston would like more input from the members regarding News Items. Let the members know what is going on in your little world of ham radio. Contact Charlie at 783-9923.

So on that Happy note, we wish you and yours a very HAPPY NEW YEAR for 1981.

73's WB9CBZ --W9AI.